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DEFENDANT INDICTED FOR ATTEMPTED CREDIT UNION THEFT

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for attempting to rob the TelComm Credit Union.

Omar Ali Zackery, 26, address unknown, was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Springfield.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Zackery** and another individual (who is not identified), by force, violence, and intimidation, attempted to steal money from TelComm Credit Union, 2155 East Sunshine Street in Springfield, on May 28, 2004. In the course of that violation, the indictment alleges, **Zackery** and another individual put in jeopardy the life of a credit union employee by the use of a handgun.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Zackery** and another individual were in possession of a handgun in furtherance of a crime of violence as alleged in Count One.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas C. Bunch. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Springfield, Mo., Police Department.

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